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SUBJECT: VOLSPKR DR. WILLIAM GRIFFITH

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1. DR. WILLIAM GRIFFITH OF MIT HELD A LUNCHEON-SEMINAR
MAY 26 WITH FIVE MEMBERS OF THE GDR INSTITUTE FOR
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND THE GDR INSTITUTE FOR POLI-
TICS AND ECONOMICS HOSTED BY THE DCM, PAO AND POLITICAL
OFFICER. FREE-FORM AND WITHOUT ANY PARTICULAR AGENDA,
THE SESSION ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED GRIFFITH'S IMMENSE
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RANGE OF COMPETENCE, HIS COMMAND OF INFORMATION, AND
HIS ABILITY TO RAPIDLY RESPOND TO ANY KIND OF QUESTION--A
CHARACTERISTIC BEST DESCRIBED BY THE GERMAN WORD
SCHLAGFERTIGKEIT.

2. AS OPPOSED TO HIS LAST SEMINAR IN EAST BERLIN(REFTEL)
WHEN THE MAIN THEMES WERE US-SOVIET RELATIONS,

DISARMAMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS, GRIFFITH THIS TIME FOCUSED ON AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND EUROCOMMUNISM, WHICH PROVED TO BE STIMULANTS FOR EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS BY THE GDR SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS. GDR PROBLEMS AS SUCH NEVER CAME UP EXCEPT ONCE IN THE CONTEXT OF EAST-BLOC INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICANED IN PASSING THAT THE GDR WAS MAKING ITS OWN CONTRIBUTIONS, WHICH WHEN ASKED TO IDENTIFY HE LISTED AS POLICE--WHICH ONE IPW OFFICIAL PREFERRED TO CHANGE TO SECURITY--TECHNICAL, HARBOR WORKS, AND EDUCATION. THE RESPONSE TO HIS OBSERVATION WAS--"IN OTHER WORDS, THE THINGS WE KNOW BEST"--AND NO FURTHER ELABORATION FOLLOWED.

3. GRIFFITH FOUND THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE SEMINAR THE MOST RELAXED IN HIS GDR EXPERIENCE, AS OPPOSED TO OTHER OCCASIONS WHEN HE WAS FREQUENTLY NEEDED BY SOMEONE WHO IN HIS WORDS "TOOK AFTER ME." THE SESSION WAS CORDIAL EVEN WHEN THERE WAS A DIRECT CONFLICT OF VIEWS, SUCH AS ON THE SCOPE OF THE EUROCOMMUNISM MOVEMENT AND THE STRENGTH OF CARILLO'S FOLLOWING IN SPAIN. ALL PARTICIPANTS REQUESTED GRIFFITH'S EARLY RETURN TO THE GDR. ALEXANDER

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